L A W S

OF THE

Marine Society,

AT

S A L E M,

IN THE

Commonwealth of Maſſachuſetts,

AS AMENDED AND AGREED UPON, AT AN ADJOURNMENT, NOV. 4, 1790.

TO WHICH ARE ANNEXED,

The Several ACTS of the General Court,

RELATING TO THE SOCIETY.

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I.

THE Members of this Society ſhall conſiſt of ſuch perſons who now are, or have been, maſters or commanders of veſſels; and alſo of ſuch perſons who now are, or have been, owners of veſſels.

II.

THE Members of this Society, or ſo many of them as ſhall be at home, and not hindered by ſickneſs or old age, ſhall meet, the laſt Thurſday of every month throughout the year, at ſuch houſe in Salem as the Society from time to time ſhall agree upon—at ſix o'clock, P. M. from the twenty-firſt day of September until the twenty-firſt day of March—and at ſeven o'clock, P. M. the reſt of the year—and at all ſuch other times of occaſional meetings, which may be called by the Maſter, agreeable to a notification they may receive from the Clerk for that purpoſe hereafter provided.

III.

THE choice of Maſter, Deputy-Maſter, Treaſurer and Clerk, ſhall be made on the laſt Thurſday of October, annually, for the year enſuing; at which meeting, the Clerk and Treaſurer for the year then laſt paſt, ſhall exhibit to the Society, for their inſpection, a ſtatement of the accounts of the Society, in their reſpective offices, during the

paſt

paſt year; in order that the Society may be acquainted with the circumſtances of their funds, and the expenditure thereof; and likewiſe the amount of monies collected, of whom received, to what uſes applied, and the names of ſuch perſons who may be delinquent, &c.

IV.

THE Maſter of the Society ſhall be Moderator at each meeting; in his abſence, the Deputy-Maſter; the Treaſurer, in the abſence of both; and the oldeſt Member preſent, in the abſence of all of them; and the Maſter for the time being ſhall have power to call occaſional meetings, provided that ſix Members make application in writing for that purpoſe.

V.

NO perſon ſhall be admitted a Member of this Society, but at a monthly meeting; and not then, unleſs there be ſeven Members preſent, and that two thirds of the Members preſent are in favour of ſuch admiſſion. And the election for the choice of Officers, and the admiſſion of new Members, ſhall be by ballot, in the manner following:—After nomination, the Clerk ſhall diſtribute to each Member preſent, two ſlips of paper, the word Yea wrote on one of them, and the word Nay wrote on the other: each Member ſhall roll them up, and ſhall then declare his vote by giving to the Moderator of the meeting ſuch rolled paper as he ſhall think proper; and the Moderator, after having collected all the votes, ſhall unroll them in the preſence of the Members; and unleſs there be found two thirds as many yeas as the number of Members preſent at ſuch meeting, the perſon voted for is not choſen to the Office, or admitted as a

new

new Member; and if duly elected, the Clerk shall give him notice thereof.

VI.

No person shall be admitted a Member of this Society, unless he pay, at the time of his entry, the sum of *Thirty Shillings*, lawful money; and, that sum may be increased at the discretion of the Society, at every annual meeting, according to the nature and circumstances of the funds.

VII.

Each Member shall pay into the box, monthly, the sum of *Nine Pence*, during the time he may belong to the Society; which payment, together with the sums paid by the admission of new Members, and whatever sums the Society may receive by donations (the principal of which shall not be expended at any time by the Society), shall remain a stock in the box as a fund, and the interest only be applied for the benevolent purpose herein after mentioned.

VIII.

The Clerk for the time being shall call on every absent Member, who may be absent six monthly meetings, for their monthly pay, if at home; and keep a record of the same, to be shewn to the Society at their monthly meeting; and if any Member of the Society, who shall absent himself eighteen monthly meetings successively, and neglects or refuses to pay his monthly assessments, during that time, when called upon by the Clerk for that purpose (unless by reason of poverty or misfortune he be excused therefrom) shall cease to be a member of the Society; and the Clerk shall make such person's neglect or refusal known to the Society, at their next succeeding monthly meeting,

meeting, in order, if they ſee cauſe, that ſuch perſon's name may be ſtruck out of the liſt of Members.

IX.

No Member ſhall be entitled to any relief out of the box, until he has been a Member of the Society for the ſpace of one year, and conformed to the rules and regulations thereof.

X.

Every Member, his widow or children, who ſhall become proper objects of relief from the Society, ſhall apply in perſon, or ſome one in their behalf, to the Society, at any of their meetings, and ſet forth the nature of their caſe; that the Society may have time, until the next meeting, to conſider of it; and then, if the Society are agreed that he or they ought to be relieved out of the box, he or they ſhall be immediately paid ſo much as the Society may vote. But in caſe the Society ſhall think the circumſtances of the perſon applying require immediate attention, they may, upon the application, without delay, grant ſuch relief as they may judge neceſſary.

XI.

If any Member of the Society meet with any misfortune, ſo as to be reduced, on ſhore, by old age or ſickneſs, or in any other way, he ſhall be entitled to ſuch annual relief as the Society may think fit, after having been a Member ſeven years, and paying his dues to the Society.

XII.

No monies belonging to the Society ſhall be let at intereſt, but on good bond, and collateral ſecurity of land, under a good title, and without any incumbrance on it, at leaſt of double the value of the ſum

ſum let, and lying in this Commonwealth, in or as near the town of Salem as may be.

XIII.

THAT no Members of the Society ſhall, at any of their meetings, play, or promote the playing of cards, dice, or other gaming whatſoever, as it is probable the ſame may be of damage to themſelves, or ſome other of the Society.

XIV.

THAT the Members of ſaid Society ſhall and will avoid all quarrels, needleſs contentions and debates, that may tend to create animoſity, or diſturb the good order, peace, friendſhip and love, that each Member ſhould and ought to bear to the other; and in caſe any one or more of the Society ſhall happen to quarrel, or begin a quarrel, there ſhall be three at leaſt, or more, of the Society choſen, to conſider of the ſame, and to lay ſuch fines on him or them, whom they find guilty, as not to exceed *Twenty Shillings*, lawful money, nor leſs than *Two*.

XV.

IF any Member of this Society ſhall commit any notorious crime, or be a common drunkard, a quarrelſome perſon, diſturbing the peace and good order of the Society, or be guilty of any other vice, he ſhall be diſcharged from the Society by vote of a major part of the Members preſent at the annual meeting, and ſhall be excluded from any benefit of the box, unleſs he be reclaimed; and in ſuch caſe he may be admitted into the Society again.

XVI.

THAT if any Member of this Society be guilty of profane ſwearing and curſing, or non-attendance of the monthly or any other meetings, he ſhall, for each

each of said offences, pay to the box *Two Shillings*; the fine to be increased or diminished, from time to time, as the Society may think proper.

XVII.

THAT each and every Member of this Society (in case of the decease of any Member or Members thereof at Salem) shall, on timely notice given to each of them from the Clerk, by a porter to be employed by said Clerk for that purpose, attend the funeral of such deceased Member or Members; and that each and every Member, neglecting to attend, shall forfeit and pay, the succeeding night's meeting, *One Shilling* and *Four Pence*, lawful money, for the use of the box; and the charge of such porter shall be paid by the Society.

XVIII.

THAT every Member of this Society, upon his arrival from sea, in case he may have met with any extraordinary circumstances in his voyage, worthy of being communicated, shall communicate his observations relative thereto, in writing, to be examined and digested by the Committee appointed by the Society for that purpose, and lodged with the Clerk of said Society, in order to be recorded in the records of said Society.

XIX.

THAT the Clerk of the Society shall read over these laws distinctly to every new Member that shall be admitted into the Society, at their admission or first appearance in it, and as often at other times as the Society shall think proper.

LIST

LIST

OF THE

Members' Names,

AND THE TIME OF ENTRANCE.

N. B.—*From* 1769, *to* *inclusively.*

* * * * * * * * *

1 *	THOMAS EDEN,	*March* 25,	1766.
2 *	John Ropes,	*March* 25.	
3 *	Samuel Webb,	*March* 25.	
4 *	John Hathorne,	*March* 25.	
5 †	William Lilly,	*March* 25.	
6 *	Amos Mansfield,	*March* 25.	
7 *	Michael Driver,	*March* 25.	
8 *	Israel Obear,	*March* 25.	
9 †	Edmund Needham,	*March* 25.	
10 *	Robert Hale Ives,	*March* 25.	
11 *	Larkin Dodge,	*March* 25.	

12 †	William Bartlett,	*March*	25.	1766.
13 *	Iſrael Lovit,	*March*	25.	
14 †*	Joſeph Lambert,	*March*	25.	
15	Benjamin Weſt,	*March*	25.	
16 †*	Edmund Giles,	*March*	25.	
17 *	William Slewman,	*March*	25.	
18 †	Samuel Williams,	*March*	25.	
19 †	Joſiah Batchelder,	*April*	25.	
20 *	John Batten,	*April*	25.	
21 *	John Elkins,	*May*	25.	
22 †	George Crowninſhield,	*May*	25.	
23 *	William Ward,	*May*	25.	
24	Edward Gibaut,	*May*	25.	
25 †	Joſeph Lee,	*May*	25.	
26	Edward Allen,	*May*	25.	
27 *	Thomas Morong,	*May*	25.	
28 †*	Samuel Grant,	*May*	25.	
29 *	Jacob Crowninſhield,	*June*	25.	
30 †*	Joſiah Orne,	*July*	25.	
31 *	Ebenezer Ward, jun.	*July*	25.	
32	Daniel Hathorne,	*Auguſt*	25.	
33 †	John Derby,	*Auguſt*	25.	
34 *	Cabot Gerriſh,	*Auguſt*	25.	
35	George Southward,	*Auguſt*	25.	
36 †*	David Maſury,	*September*	25.	

Nathaniel

37	†*	Nathaniel Knight,	*July* 25,	1767.
38	†	John Archer,	*July* 25.	
39	†	John Berry,	*Auguſt* 25.	
40	*	George Smith,	*September* 25.	
41		Habakkuk Bowditch,	*October* 29.	
42	†*	John Bowditch,	*November* 25.	
43	*	Jonathan Gardner,	*July* 28,	1768.
44	*	Jonathan Webb,	*Auguſt* 25.	
45		John Fiſk,	*Auguſt* 25.	
46		William Morgan,	*September* 29.	
47	†	Robert Alcock,	*October* 27.	
48		Jonathan Maſon,	*October* 27.	
49	†	Stephen Cleveland,	*October* 27.	
50		Benjamin Warren,	*November* 24.	
51	*	Thomas Frye,	*December* 29.	
52	†	Jonathan Lambert,	*March* 30,	1769.
53	†*	Henry Higginſon,	*June* 28,	1770.
54	†	George Cabot,	*March* 28,	1771.
55	†	George Dodge, jun.	*June* 27.	
56		Peter Lander,	*June* 27.	
57	†	William Carlton,	*July* 25.	
58	†	John Buſſinton,	*October* 31.	
59	†*	Daniel Conant,	*February* 27,	1772.
60	†*	Ebenezer Ellingwood,	*April* 30.	
61	†*	Stephen Maſcol,	*December* 31.	

James

62 *	James Buffinton,	*October* 28,	1773.
63 *	William Williams,	*October* 28.	
64 †	Benjamin Goodhue,	*October* 27,	1774.
65 †	Jacob Aſhton,	*November* 3.	
66 †	Jonathan Ingerſoll,	*November* 3.	
67 †	George Orſborne,	*December* 29.	
68 †	William Orne,	*December* 29.	
69 †	Ichabod Nichols,	*December* 29.	
70	John Collins,	*November* 30,	1780.
71 *	John Turner, jun.	*November* 30.	
72	Clifford Byrne,	*November* 30.	
73 *	Francis Boardman,	*November* 30.	
74	Nathaniel Weſt,	*December* 28.	
75 †	Zechariah Burchmore,	*December* 28.	
76 †	Nathaniel Brookhouſe,	*December* 28.	
77	Simon Forreſter,	*January* 25,	1781.
78 †	Ephraim Emmerton,	*March* 29.	
79	Samuel Croel,	*April* 26.	
80 *	William Patterſon,	*November* 29.	
81 *	William Roſs,	*November* 29.	
82 *	William Fairfield,	*December* 27.	
83 *	Simon Byrne,	*January* 31,	1782.
84	Jonathan Haraden,	*March* 28.	
85 *	Thomas Benſon,	*March* 28.	
86 †	Benjamin Dean,	*April* 25.	

John

87 †	John Revell,	*May* 30,	1782.
88 †*	Samuel Weſt,	*May* 30.	
89 †*	Francis Yates,	*May* 30.	
90 †	Charles Hamilton,	*Auguſt* 29.	
91 *	William Gray,	*September* 26.	
92 †	Gideon Henfield,	*November* 27,	1783.
93 *	Hugh Smith,	*October* 27,	1785.
94	Joſhua Ward,	*March* 30,	1791.
95	William Paine,	*March* 30.	
96	William Orne,	*April* 28.	
97	Benjamin Carpenter,	*April* 28.	
98	Elias Haſket Derby, jun.	*April* 28.	
99	Stephen Abbot, Eſq.	*April* 28.	
100	Jonathan Ingerſoll,	*April* 28.	
101	Jonathan Gardner,	*May* 26.	
102	John Derby,	*May* 26.	
103	Benjamin Pickman, Eſq.	*June* 30.	
104	Joſeph Hiller, Eſq.	*June* 30.	
105	William Pickman, Eſq.	*June* 30.	
106	Samuel Derby,	*July* 28.	
107	Samuel Ingerſoll,	*Auguſt* 25.	
108	Stephen Webb,	*September* 27.	
109	Joſeph Peabody,	*October* 30.	
110	Thomas Bowditch,	*November* 24.	
111	Samuel Robinſon,	*November* 24.	

112	William Ward,	*November* 24,	1791.
113	Joſeph Cabot,	*November* 24.	
114	Ebenezer Putnam,	*November* 24.	
115	Nathan Peirce	*February* 28,	1792.
116	William Gray, jun.	*March* 29.	
117	Daniel Saunders,	*June* 28.	
118	Henry Elkins,	*June* 28.	
119	Jonathan Waldo, Eſq.	*Auguſt* 30.	
120	William Stearns,	*Auguſt* 30.	
121	Nathaniel Knight,	*Auguſt* 30.	
122	John Jenks,	*September* 27.	
123	John Oſgood,	*September* 27.	
124	Alexander Story,	*September* 27.	
125	Thomas Chipman,	*September* 27.	
126	Ebenezer B. Ward,	*September* 27.	
127	Thomas Bowditch, jun.	*October* 27.	
128	John Page, Eſq.	*October* 27.	
129	Andrew Slewman,	*November* 29.	
130	Winthrop Gray,	*November* 27.	
131	Samuel C. Ward,	*December* 27.	
132	Thomas Webb,	*December* 27.	
133	Joſeph Lambert,	*February* 28,	1793.
134	Francis Roche,	*February* 28.	
135 *	Jonathan Radax,	*February* 28.	
136	Benjamin Shillaber,	*March* 28.	

Ezekiel

137	Ezekiel Herſey Derby,	*March* 28,	1793.
138	Edward Weſt,	*April* 28.	
139	Benjamin Needham,	*May* 28.	
140	Jerathmeel Peirce,	*May* 28.	
141	Benjamin Crowninſhield,	*July* 30.	
142	Benjamin Webb,	*July* 30.	
143	Edward Allen, jun.	*July* 30.	
144	Ebenezer Shillaber,	*September* 26.	
145	John Felt,	*October* 31.	
146	Joſeph Moſeley,	*October* 31.	
147	John Leach,	*December* 25.	
148	John Pitman,	*December* 25.	
149	Benjamin Tarrant,	*December* 25.	
150	Henry Prince,	*January* 30,	1794.
151	Ichabod Nichols,	*January* 30.	
152	George Smith,	*January* 30.	
153	Joſeph Strout,	*January* 30.	
154	John Saunders, Eſq.	*January* 30.	
155	Nathaniel Ropes,	*February* 27.	
156	Henry Saunders,	*April* 24.	
157	Joſeph Hoſmore,	*April* 24.	
158	Henry Gardner,	*May* 30.	
159	Woodbridge Grafton,	*July* 31.	
160	John Gibaut,	*September* 25.	
161	George Girdler Smith,	*September* 25.	

163	Wm Ives	Oct 31	1795
164	John Burchmore	Nov 29	1794
165	Mark Webb	Do	
166	Daniel Hawthorne	Dec 25	
167	George Archer	Do	
168	Sam Andrews	Jan 29	1795
169	Rich Gray	Feb 26	
170	Hardy Ropes	Do	
171	R Dennis	Do	
172	Benjamin Richman	May 29	
173	Jon Willis	June 25	
174	Wm Patterson	Do	
175	Andrew Hamden	July 29	
176	John Bicket	Sept 24	
177	John Rust	Sept 24	
178	Benjamin Webb	Oct 29	
179	Oliver Webb	Nov 26	
180	Thomas Ashby	Do	
181	Timothy Wellman	Do	
182	Samuel Page	Dec 31	
183	Robert Amery	Feb 25	1796

Those with this * mark are not living.
Those with this † mark have left the Society.

184	Samuel Endicott	March 30	
185	Thos Putnam	Do	
186	Wm Wyatt	April 28	
187	John Edwards	Do	
188	Daniel Sage	May 28	
189	Benjamin Beam	June 30	
190	George Chapman	Do	
191	Josiah Smith	July 28	
192	John Norris	Aug 24	
193	Jun Gounjand	Do	
194	Jon a Waterhouse	Do	
195	John Barton	Sept 28	
196	Rob t Peach	Do	
197	Jon a Upton	oct 27	
198	Wm Richerson	Do	
199	Jacob Crowninshield	Nov 27	
200	Josiah Orne	Do	
201	Billy Porter	Decm 29	
202	Jabez Perry	Feb 24	1797
203	Moses Endicott	Do	
204	Joseph Osgood	March 30	
205	David Patten	May 30	
206	Daniel Rogers	July 27	
207	George Ropes	Aug 31	
208	Joh Frost	Do	
209	Sam Mayrick	Sept 28	
210	Henry Peach	Do	

211 John Endicott — act 26 yr

Acts of the General Court.

THE SEVERAL

ACTS

OF THE

General Court,

RELATING TO THE SOCIETY.

An ACT to incorporate JONATHAN GARDNER, *jun. and others therein named, into a Society, by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY at* SALEM, *in the County of* Essex, *in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England.*

WHEREAS a considerable number of persons, who are or have been masters of ships or other vessels, have for several years past associated themselves in the town of Salem; and the principal end of said Society being to improve the knowledge of this coast, by the several Members upon their arrival from sea communicating their observations inwards and outwards of the variation of the needle, soundings, courses and distances, and all other remarkable things about it, in writing, to be lodged with the Society, for the making the navigation more

more safe; and also to relieve one another and their families in poverty or other adverse accidents of life, which they are more particularly liable to; and have for this end raised a considerable common stock; and the said persons, associated as aforesaid, finding themselves under difficulties and discouragements in carrying on the said designs without an incorporation; and *Jonathan Gardner*, jun. and others of them, having petitioned the Great and General Court of this Province in their present session, to be incorporated for the purposes aforesaid; and their intention appearing laudable and deserving encouragement.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, That, *Jonathan Gardner, jun. John Ropes, Samuel Webb, William Lilly, Amos Mansfield, Michael Driver, Israel Obear, Edmund Needham, Robert Hale Ives, Larkin Dodge, William Bartlett, Joseph Lambert, Benjamin West, Edmund Giles, William Slowman, Samuel Williams, Josiah Batchelder, John Batten, John Elkins, Geo. Crowninshield, Edward Gibaut, Joseph Lee, Edward Allen, Samuel Grant, Jacob Crowninshield, Josiah Orne, Ebenezer Ward, jun. Daniel Hathorne, John Derby, Cabot Gerrish, George Southward, David Masury, Nath'l Knight, John Archer, John Berry, Habakkuk Bowditch, John Bowditch, Jonathan Webb, John Fisk, William Morgan, Robert Alcock, Jonathan Mason, Stephen Cleveland, Benjamin Warren, Thomas Frye, Jonathan Lambert, jun. Henry Higginson, and George Cabot*, the Members of said Society, be incorporated and made a body politic, for the purposes aforesaid, by the name of the Marine Society, at Salem, in New-England:

gland :—And that they, their affociates & fucceffors, have perpetual fucceffion by faid name, & have a power of making by-laws, for the preſervation & advancement of faid body, not repugnant to the laws of the government; with penalty, either of disfranchiſement from faid Society, or of a mulct not exceeding *twenty ſhillings*, or without penalties, as it ſhall ſeem moſt meet; and have leave likewiſe to make and appoint their common ſeal, and be liable to be ſued, and enabled to ſue, and make purchaſes, and take donations of real and perſonal eſtate for the purpoſes aforeſaid, provided the rents of the real eſtate, together with the intereſt of the perſonal eſtate, ſhall not exceed the ſum of *five hundred pounds* per annum; and to manage and diſpoſe ſaid eſtate as ſhall ſeem fit: And ſaid Society ſhall have a Maſter, Deputy-Maſter, Treaſurer and Clerk, and other Officers they ſhall think proper.

And be it therefore further enacted, That the ſaid Marine Society ſhall, on the 2d Thurſday in June next, aſſemble to appoint their firſt Maſter, Deputy-Maſter, Treaſurer and Clerk, and other Officers as they ſhall think proper, and their ſeal, and make by-laws: and ſaid Officers ſhall continue until the laſt Thurſday in October next, on which day the ſaid Marine Society ſhall meet annually afterwards on the ſaid laſt Thurſday of October annually at Salem aforeſaid, to chooſe a Maſter, Deputy Maſter, Treaſurer and Clerk, and other officers as they ſhall think proper; and for the admiſſion of new Members, which ſhall be done by a major vote of the Members preſent at ſaid annual meeting; and to make, alter and annul their by-laws; and if by reaſon of any emergency the buſineſs of ſaid annual aſ-

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ſembly cannot be completed on ſaid day, they may adjourn once to a ſhort day to finiſh it, and no more; and ſaid Society ſhall meet at ſaid Salem on the laſt Thurſday of every month for all other buſineſs; and whenever any of the officers of ſaid Society ſhall die, or be diſabled, or remove out of the government, others ſhall be appointed or elected in their room, at the next monthly meeting; and all inſtruments which ſaid Society ſhall lawfully make, ſhall, when in the name of ſaid Society, and purſuant to the votes thereof, and ſigned and delivered by the Maſter, and ſealed with their common ſeal, bind ſaid Society, and be valid in law.

[*Paſſed in* 1771.]

An ACT, in addition to an Act, entitled "An Act to incorporate JONATHAN GARDNER, *jun. and others therein named, into a Society by the name of The Marine Society at Salem, in the County of Eſſex, in the Province of the Maſſachuſetts-Bay, in New-England."*

WHEREAS in and by an act, entitled "An act to incorporate JONATHAN GARDNER, jun. and others therein named, into a Society by the name of the Marine Society, at Salem, in the county of Eſſex, in the Province of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, in New-England," it is among other things enacted, "That the ſaid Society ſhall have an annual meeting on the laſt Thurſday of October, to chuſe ſuch officers as they ſhall think proper—for the admiſſion of new members, by a majority of the votes of the members then preſent—and to make, alter and annul their by-laws;

by-laws; and likewise that the said Society shall meet at the said Salem, on the last Thursday of every other month, for conducting all other business:" And whereas the said Society have represented to this Court, that the beneficial purposes of the institution thereof will be as effectually accomplished by having their meetings less frequent, and the admission of new members conducted in another manner, than is described in the said act:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, & by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this act, there shall be four quarterly meetings of the said Society, viz. On the last Thursday of October, on the last Thursday of January, on the last Thursday of April, and on the last Thursday of July, annually; and at either of the said meetings they are hereby authorized to perform all and every business they were empowered to perform at their annual meeting on the last Thursday of October, by the before recited act, excepting that no person proposed to be a member of the said Society, shall be admitted at either of those meetings, unless there be three-fourths of the votes of the members present at such meeting for his admission.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever any six members of the said Society shall, in writing, directed to the Master of the said Society, request a meeting may be called, other than the quarterly meetings beforementioned, the said Master, on such application, shall call a meeting of the said Society, and direct the Clerk to notify the members thereof accordingly; at which meetings the said Society are

hereby

hereby empowered to do and perform every matter they have hitherto been empowered to do and perform at their monthly meetings before the passing of this act.

And it is further enacted, That all the clauses contained in the before recited act, so far as they relate to the matters contained in this act, be, and they are hereby repealed.

[*Passed March* 9, 1784.]

An ACT for repealing an Act made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An Act in addition to an Act for incorporating JONATHAN GARDNER, *jun. and others therein named, into a Society by name of The Marine Society at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England;" and also for altering said Act of Incorporation.*

WHEREAS by the representation of the said Marine Society, it appears that the effects resulting from said Act, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, are not such as were expected, and that the benevolent views in instituting said Society will be greatly promoted, should the said Act be repealed, and some alterations be made in the said Act of Incorporation:

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said Act, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven

seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An Act in addition to an act for incorporating Jonathan Gardner, jun. and others therein named, into a Society by the name of the Marine Society, at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Marine Society may and shall have as full power and authority at each of the monthly meetings of said Society for the purpose of electing and admitting members, as they have by said Act of Incorporation at their annual meeting on the last Thursday of October—*Provided* that no person shall be elected and admitted as a member thereof at any other meeting of said Marine Society than the said annual meeting on the last Thursday of October, unless two thirds of the members present at such meeting vote and be in favour of such admission.

[*Passed February* 8, 1790.]

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S.M.S.